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Subject: FDA's Latest Pesticide Residues in Human and Animal Foods Report

Sharing with you as FYI the latest FDA report of their 2019 monitoring of pesticides residues in human and animal foods. The executive summary if below.

"Growers often use pesticides to protect their products from insects, weeds, fungi, and other pests. U.S. regulators help ensure that food produced with the use of pesticides is safe to eat by setting allowable levels called tolerances for pesticide chemical residues and by monitoring foods in the market to determine if those levels are being exceeded.... This report summarizes the results of FDA's pesticide monitoring program for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. The findings show that the levels of pesticide chemical residues measured by FDA in the U.S. food supply are generally in compliance with EPA pesticide tolerances."

"In FY 2019 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019), FDA analyzed 4,327 human food samples (1,258 domestic and 3,069 import samples) in its regulatory monitoring program. FDA collected domestic human food samples from 45 states and Puerto Rico and import human food samples from 84 countries. FDA found that 98.7% of domestic and 89.1% of import human foods were compliant with federal standards. No pesticide chemical residues were found in 42.4% of the domestic and 49.4% of the import samples. In FY 2019, FDA also analyzed 365 animal food samples (127 domestic and 238 import samples) for pesticides. The Agency found that 98.4% of domestic and 95.4% of import animal food samples were compliant with federal standards. No pesticide chemical residues were found in 40.9% of the domestic and 43.7% of the import animal food samples."

"In FY 2019, FDA conducted pesticide analyses for 153 domestic milk, shell eggs, honey, and game meat samples for the "Domestically Produced Animal-Derived Foods" assignment. No violative pesticide residues were found in any of the animal-derived foods, and 88.9% of the samples contained no residues."

<https://www.fda.gov/food/pesticides/pesticide-residue-monitoring-report-and-data-fy-2019>

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Life Lesson: We do not stop playing because we grow old; we grow old because we stop playing.

Have a Bed Bug Free Day!!

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